

## **REMARKS**

### **RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 7, 2008, Applicant confirms election to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-9 without traverse.

#### **Drawings**

In response to the informality objections, a formal drawing of Figures 1 through 4 is submitted herewith. The amendments to the drawings do not add new matter.

#### **Specification**

The office action required a substitute specification because copy marks mar the pages and obscured the text. Applicant submits herewith a substitute specification which is a clean copy of the original PCT filing. No marked up copy is provided because no changes to the specification were made, other than numbering of the paragraphs. No new matter has been added.

#### **Claim Rejections**

Claims 5 -6 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten into independent form. Applicant has rewritten claims 5 and 6 to incorporate all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Claims 1-4 and 10-11 were canceled. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

In light of this amendment, all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application are allowable. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to allow all pending claims

Respectfully submitted,

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